(1259 Circle Drive) * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 3th Election District 1st Councilmanic District

FINDINGS OF TACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

William J. Gerber, et ux

Petitioners *

The Peticioners herein request a special hearing to approve a nonconforming use of the subject property as a two apartment dwelling or in the alternative, variances to per the lot width of 50 feet at the front building line in lieu of the required 80 feet, a minimum side yard setback of 3 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet, and a sum of both side yards of 8 feet in lieu of the required 35 feet, for the conversion of said dwelling, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioners by the Honorable Vernon L. Neilson (Ret.), through a Power of Attorney, appeared and testified on behalf of Petitioners, and was represented by Elmer McConkey, Esquire. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition bare thanks H. Yeakel, Joseph A. Novak and Irene Alberter. Appearing as a Protestant in the matter was Mrs. Patricia indblade, adjoining property owner.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 1259 Circle Drive, cons sts of 12,500 sc. ft. zoned D.R. 5.5, and is improved with a single family dwelling used as two apartments. As a result of an inquiry from the Zoning Enforcement Division of this Office, the Petitioners filed the instant Petition for Special Hearing to establish a nonconforming use of the subject property as two apartments, or in the alternative the aforementioned variance Petition. Testimony indicated that Petition-

(c) Does the current use have a substantially

s clear from the testimony that there has been no change in

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented,

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for

in the opinion of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner, the subject property has

heen used continuously and without interruption as two apartments since

prior to the effective date of the zoning regulations, and as such a

public learing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above,

the relief requested in the Petition for Special Hearing should be granted

Ealtimore County this Way of February, 1990 that the Petition for

Special Hearing to approve the nonconforming use of the subject property

two apartment dwelling, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be

The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceed ing at this time is at his own risk until such time as

the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is re-

original condition.

2) The relief granted herein is limited to the nonconforming use of the subject property as a two apart-

pirec. II, for whatever reason, this order to return, versed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its

s hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions

and the Petition for Zoning Variance shall be dismissed as moot.

are conditions precedent to the relief granted:

ment dwelling unit only.

(d) Is the current use a "drastic enlargement or extension" of the original non-conforming use."

different effect upon the neighborhood;

McKemy v. Baltimore County, Md., Supra.

use and/or enlargement of such use.

legal nonconforming use exists.

ers, who moved to Florida in approximately August, 1989, purchased the subject property in 1971 from a Grady and Eleanor Ward. Judge Neilson submitted a letter dated December 11, 1989 from Bruce R. Bolling, M.D. which indicate he is the physician for William Gerber and recommends that he not travel to Baltimore to attend the subject hearing due to poor Judge Neilson testified that he has known the Petitioners for a number of years. He further indicated that he knew them at the time of their purchase of the subject property, and visited them on a frequent basis when they resided at 1259 Circle Drive. He testified that at the time of Petitioners' purchase of the property in 1971, the house was set up as a two apartment dwelling, with one apartment consisting of the first floor and basement level of the house, and the second apartment contained entirely on the second floor. Judge Neilson testified that there is no interior entrance from one apartment to the other. Judge Neilson further testified that he has personal knowledge that Petitioners had resided in the first floor apartment from 1971 to August 1989 when they moved to Florida, and the tenant, who had been residing on the facond floor, moved down to the first floor apartment. Thereafter, the Petitioners rented out the second floor apartment. Further, he indicated that at all times since

Yeakle testified that he has resided at 1226 North Avenue since January 1946. He testified that the rear yard of his property abuts the rear yard of the subject property. Mr. Yeakle testified that at the time he moved to the area, 1259 Circle Drive as owned by Mr. & Mrs. Ward

their ownership of the property, the Petitioners have continuously and

without interruption used the dwelling as two apartments other than for

brief periods during a change in tenancy.

as a two apartment dwelling until their sale of the property in 1971 to Petitioners.

Petitioners called Joseph Novak who has resided at 1232 Ten Oaks Road since 1941. Mr. Novak testified that in 1944 he met Mr. Ward, the previous owner of the subject property, when they both worked at the Baltimore Gas & Electric Company. He testified that at that time, he visited Mr. & Mrs. Ward in their home and has personal knowledge that the dwelling was used as two apartments. He further testified that from time to time he would visit the property to assist Mr. Ward as a friend or in his capacity as a part-time employee with Dafnis Appliance Company to install air conditioners.

Petitioners' last witness was Mrs. Alberter who testified that she has resided in one of the apartments at 1259 Circle Drive for the past 5 years. She testified that when the Petitioners moved to Florida, she moved from the second floor apartment to the first floor apartment. She further testified that there was a period of time after she moved to the first floor, that she and the Petitioners shared the first floor and base-

Mrs. Lindblade testified that sne has resided on the adjoining she contacted the Zoning Enforcement Office concerning this property as she had questions and concerns about the property being converted to

In response to the Protestant's concerns, the Petitioners agreed that the nonconforming use requested is limited to two apartments and that an inspector from the Zoning Enforcement Office would be permitted access

February 6, 1990

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavor-

from time to time, upon reasonable notice, to make an property to insure there has been no conversion to three apartments.

As with all non-conforming use cases, the first task is to determine what lawful non-conforming use e disted on the subject property prior to January 2, 1945, the effective date of the adoption of the Zoning Regulations and the controlling date for the beginning of zoning. The lacontested testimony presented indicated the subject property was used as a two apartment dwelling in 1941 prior to the effective date of the zoning

The second principle to be applied, as specified in Section 104.1, is whether or not there has been a change in the use of the subject A determination must be made as to whether or not the change is a different use, and therefore, breaks the continued nature of the non-conforming use. If the change in use is found to be different than the original use, the current use of the property shall not be considered non-con-See McKemy v. Baltimore County, Md., 39 Md. App. 257, 385 A2d.

When the claimed nonconforming use has changed, or expanded, then the Zoning Commissioner must determine whether or not the current use represents a permissible intensification of the original use or an actual change from the prior legal use. In order to decide whether or not the current activity is within the scope of the nonconforming use, the Zoni Commissioner should consider the following factors:

> "(a) To what extent does the current use of these lots reflect the nature and purpose of the original nonconforming up

(b) Is the current use merely a different manner of utilizing the original nonconforming use or does it constitute a use different in character, na-

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner 3) Upon request and reasonable notice, Petitioners Office of Planning & Zoning shall permit a representative of the Zoning Enforce-Towson, Maryland 21204 ment Division to make an inspection of the subject (301) 287-3353 property to insure compliance with this Order. J. Robert Hained IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Zoning Variance to permit a lot width of 50 feet at the front building line in lieu of the required 80 feet, a minimum side yard setback of 3 feet in lieu of the Elmer L. McConkey, Esquire required 15 feet, and a sum of both side yards of 8 feet in lieu of the 1320 Linden Avenue 21227 required 35 feet for the conversion of the subject dwelling be and is RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND ZONING VARIANCE hereby DISMISSED as moot. 13th Election District - 1st Councilmanic District
William J. Gerber, et Petitioners 12 MNisterani Case No. 90-289-SPHA ANN M. NASTARCWICZ Deputy Zoning Commissioner Dear Mr. McConkey: for Ealtimore County above-cationed matter. The Petition for Special Hearing has been granted and the Patition for Zoning Variance has been dismissed in accordance with the attached Order. able, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information of filing an appeal, please contact As. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3391

PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALLIMORE COUNTY: 1 201 10 90-289-514 A The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner and/or Deputy Zoning Commissioner should approve A non conforming use of the subject property for two apartments. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of the above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this Petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.

mp <u>5N50</u> Contract Purchaser: William J. Gerber Allan " Sylvia L. Gerber City and State Attorney for Petitioners 1259 Circle Drive 247-2533

Baltimore Maryland 21227

the purchaser or representative to be contacted

Einer L. McConkey, Escuire 1320 Linden Avenue Arbutus MD -- 21227-Attorney's Telephone No.: .

ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this 19.2.2, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required y the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation through-

oning Commissioner of Baltimore County

Dennis F. Rasmussen

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cc: People's Counsel

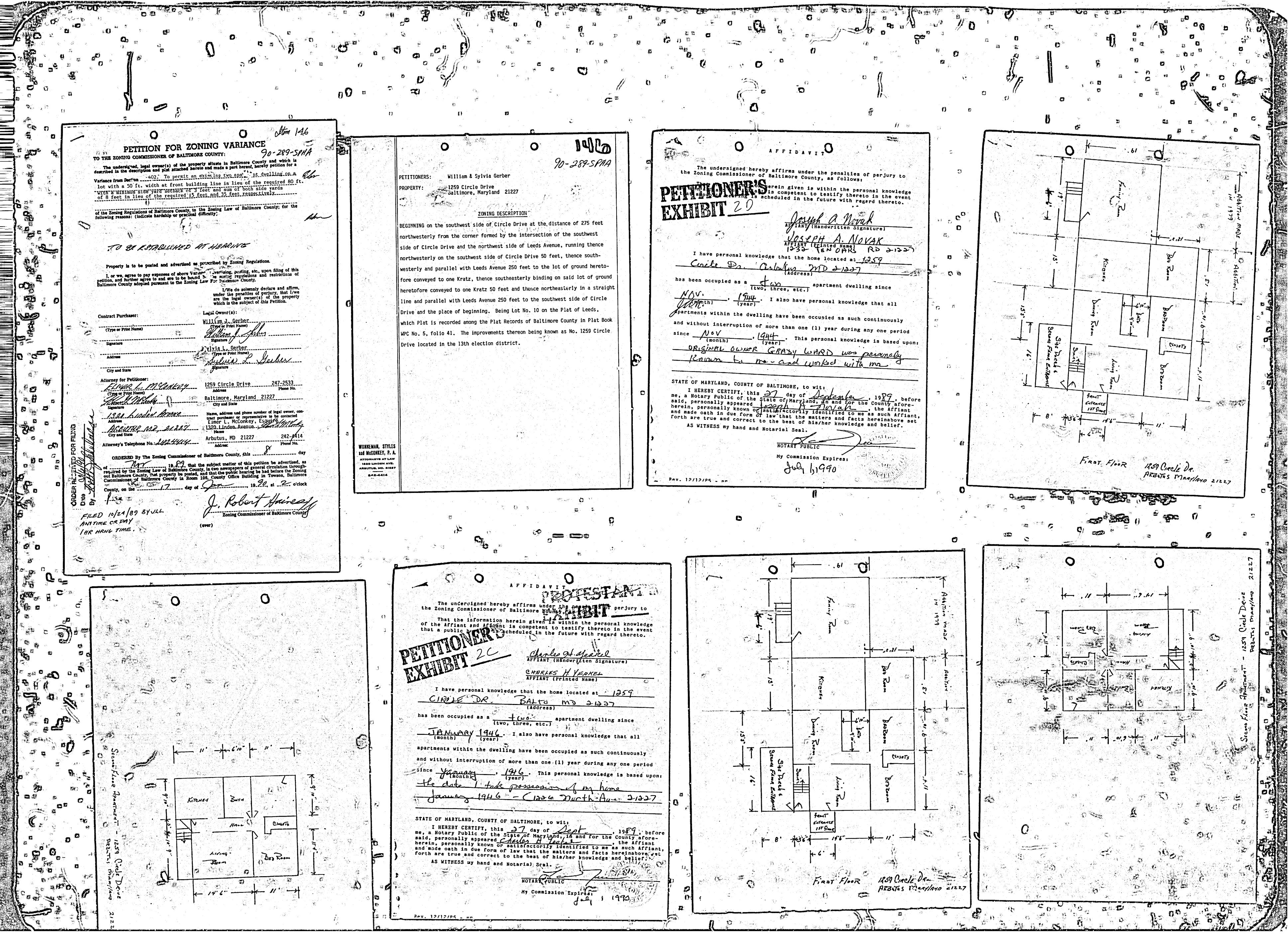
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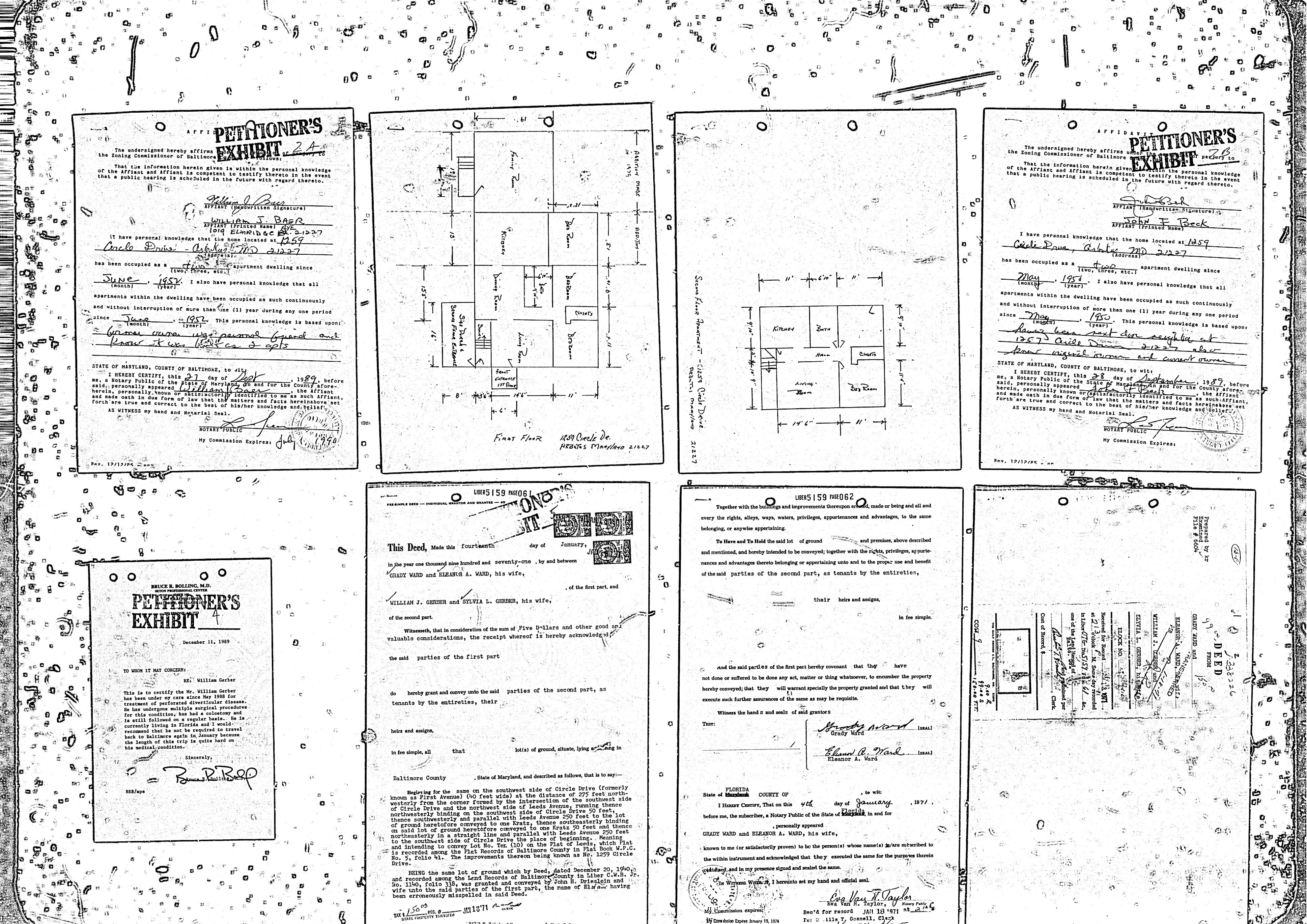
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Deputy Zoning Commissioner



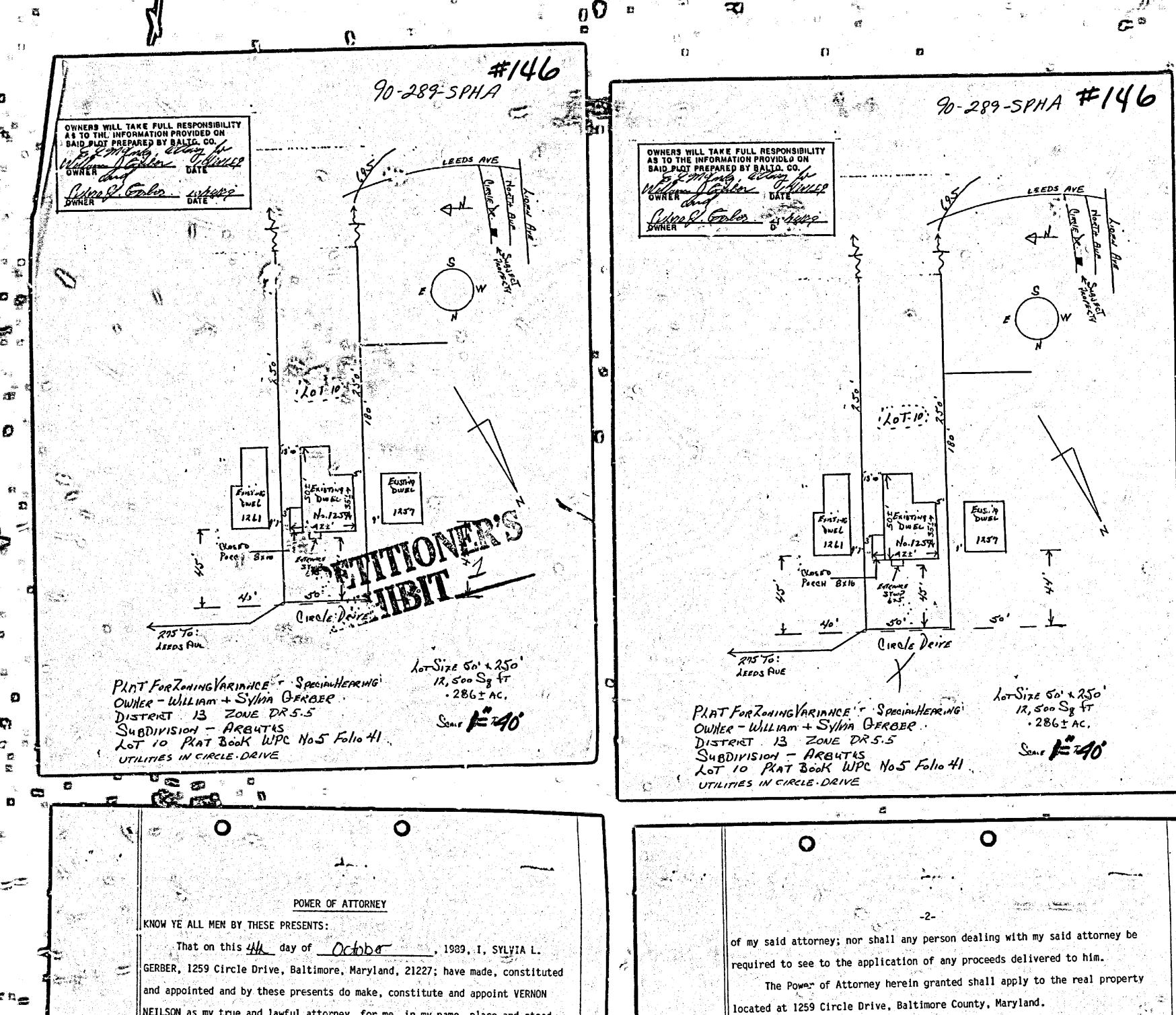


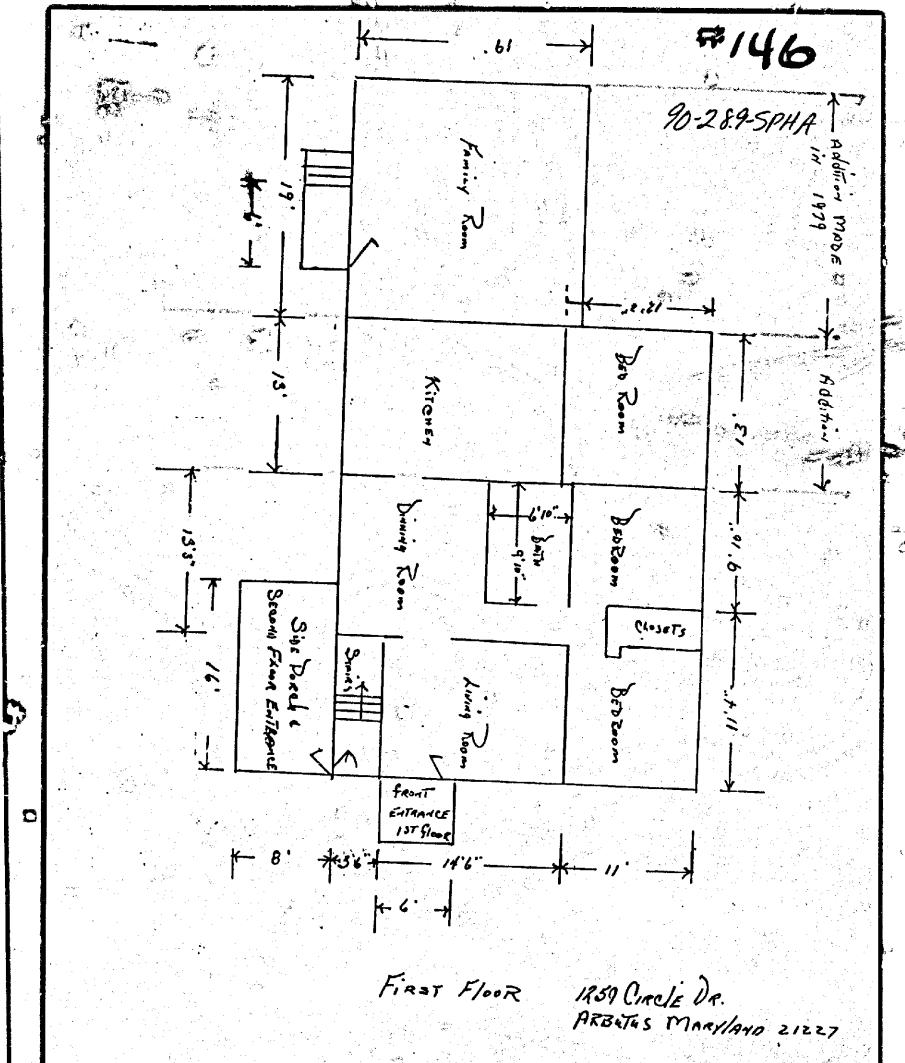
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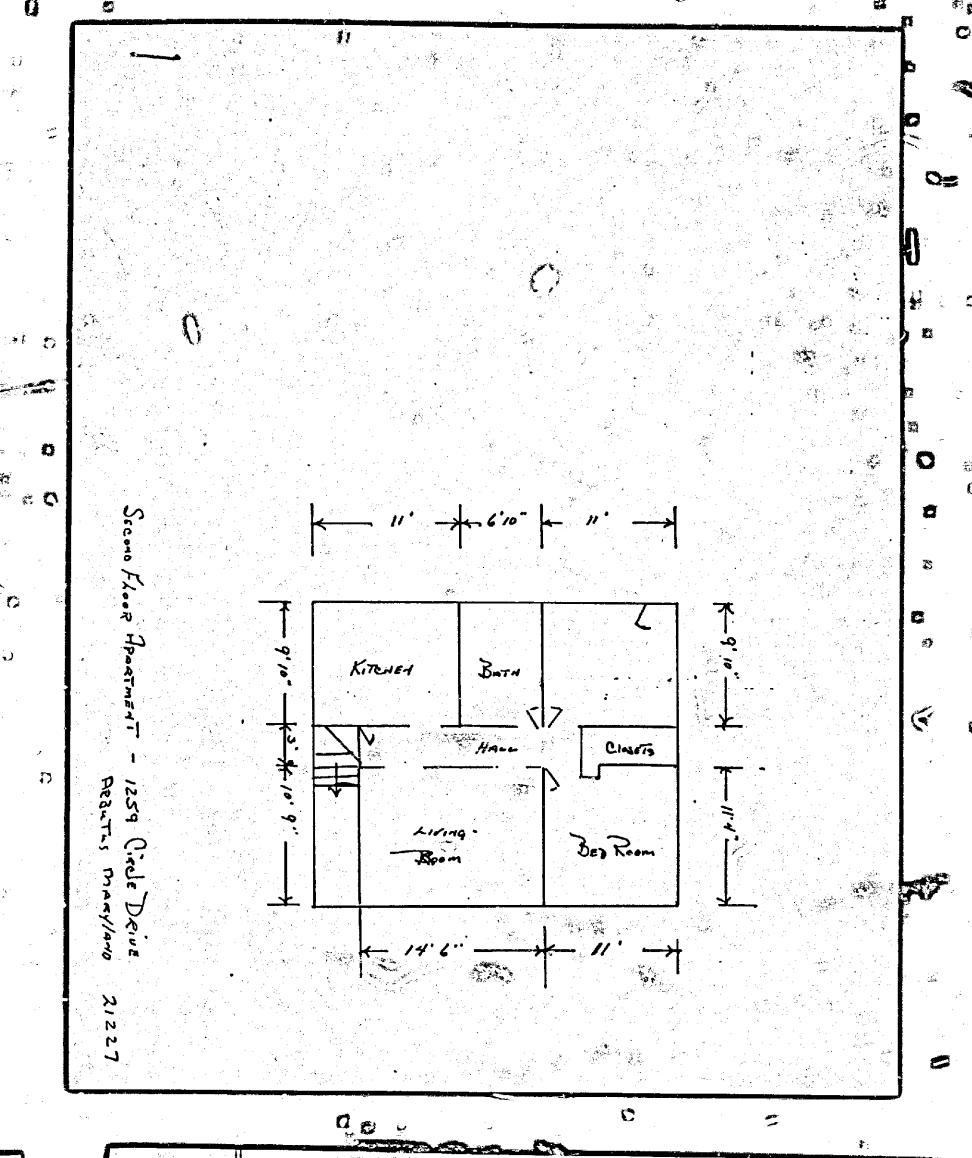
re: C .111s T, Gosnell, Clerk

My Commission Expires January 19, 1974

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GERBER, 1259 Circle Drive, Baltimore, Maryland, 21227; have made, constituted and appointed and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint VERNON NEILSON as my true and lawful attorney, for me, in my name, place and stead, to do any of the following acts and deeds in the State of Maryland, or in any other State, that I may lawfully do in said state, through or by an attorney in fact, as fully as I could do if personally there present:

1. The power to act on my behalf with regard to the property located at 1259 Circle Drive, Baltimore County, Maryland and spedifically to appear at the hearing scheduled before the Zoning Commission of Baltimore County and to sign any and all documents pertaining to the disposition thereof.

2. The power to make any payments and expenditures as may be necessary in connection with teh above matter.

This Power of Attorney may be voluntarily revoked alone by revocation endorsed hereon or, if this Power be recorded, by revocation entered on record in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Maryland; and until revocation is thus effected, all acts of this attorney are hereby ratified and affirmed.

I hereby expressly provide that the powers herein granted shall not be limited or affected by any illness or physical and mental incapacity which I may suffer, it being my intention that these powers shall continue during my entire lifetime unless expressly revoked as herein provided.

And in case any act, thing or things which said attorney or his substitutes are hereby authorized and empowered to do for me, shall be done by him after my death but before he shall have received notice of my death, the same shall be binding upon my heirs, executors and administrators as the same would have been if I had been alive at the time.

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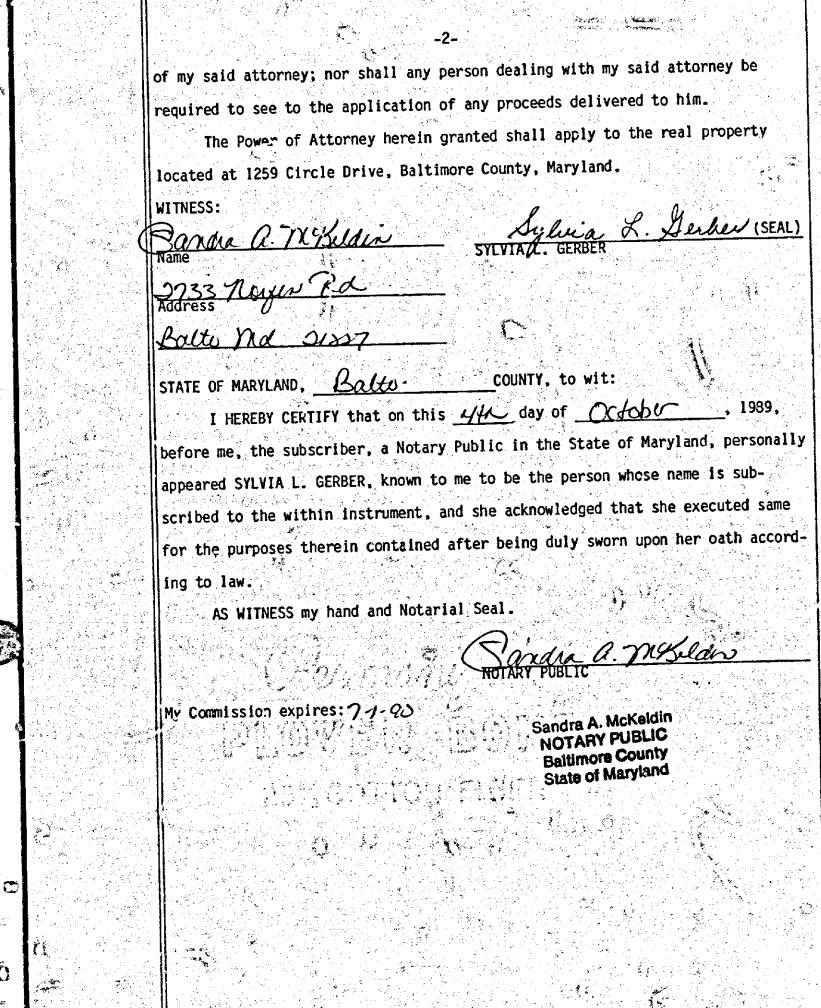
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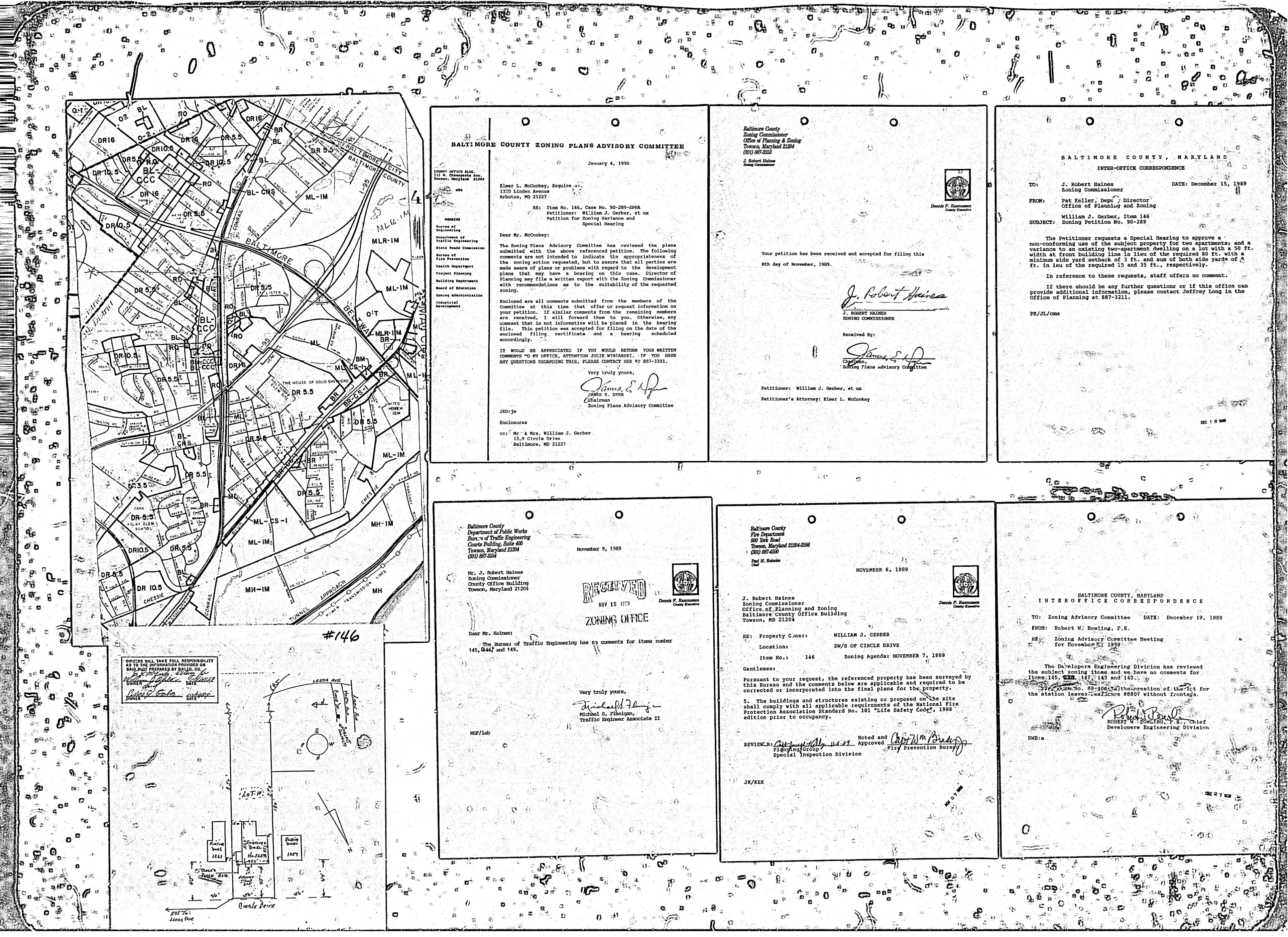
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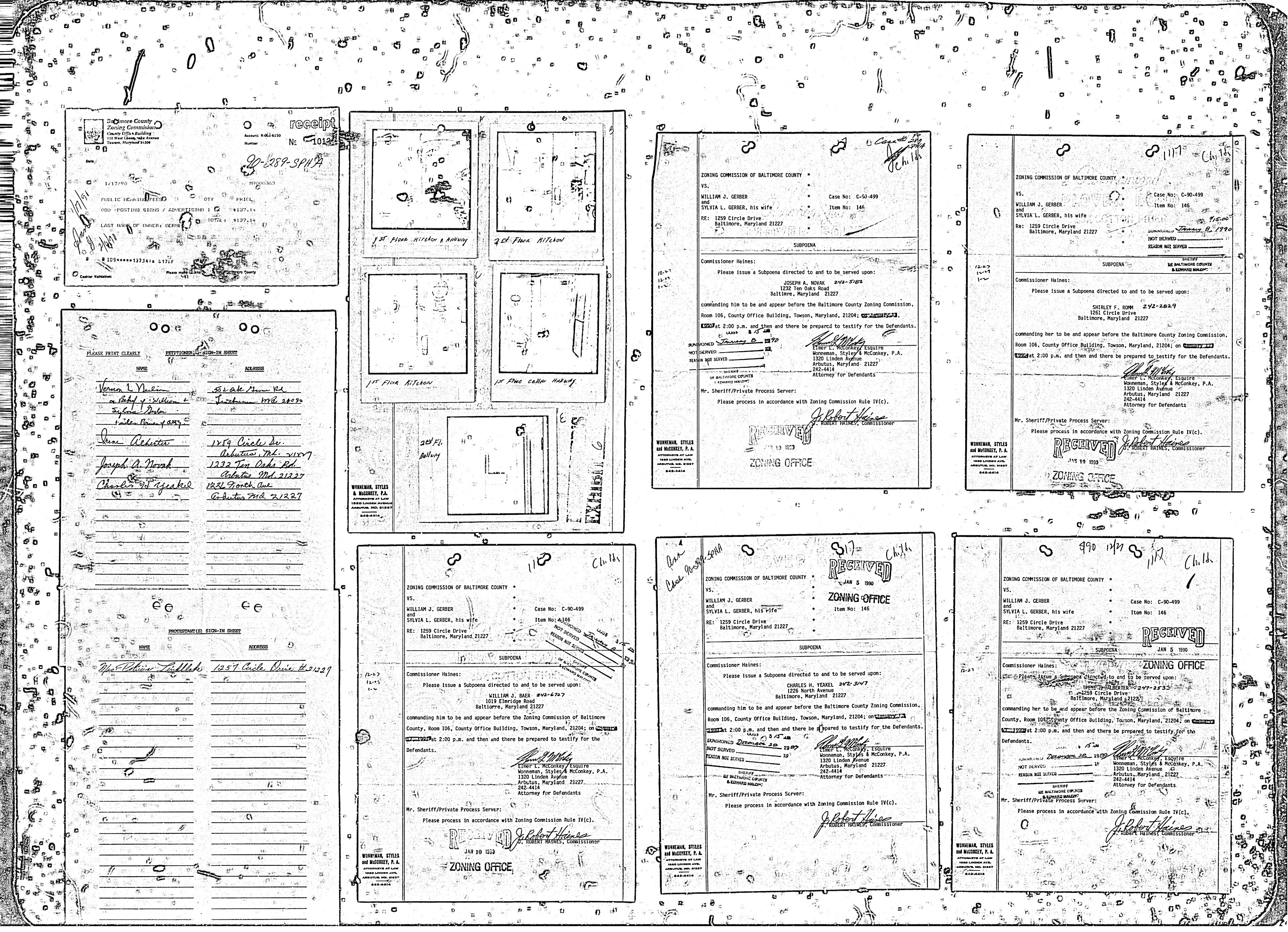
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of my said attorney; nor shall any person dealing with my said attorney be required to see to the application of any proceeds delivered to him. The Power of Attorney herein granted shall apply to the real property located at 1259 Circle Drive, Baltimore County, Maryland. Sandre a mobildin William J. Jester WILLIAM J. GERBER 2733 Mayer Rd Address Balto Me sizes STATE OF MARYLAND, & Batton COUNTY, to wit: I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 2141- day of October. 1989. before me, the subscriber, a Hotary Public in the State of Maryland, personally appeared Will appear with the State of Will appeared Will appear with the State of Will appear with scribed to the within in trument, and he acknowledged that he executed same for the purposes therein contained after being duly sworn upon his oath according to law! AS WITNESS My hand and Notarial Seal. Sandie a W. Kuldin My Commission expires: 7-1-90 Sandra A. McKeldin NOTARY PUBLIC Battimore County State of Maryland OUT WONNEMAN, STYLES and McCONKEY, P. A. ATTORNEYS AT LAW 1980 LINDEN AVE, 242-4414





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Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3353 J. Robert Haines
Zoning Commissioner Mr. & Mrs. William J. Gerber 1259 Circle Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21227 Dennis F. Rasmussen
County Executive Petitions for Special Hearing and Zoning Variance CASE NUMBER: 90-289-SPHA SW/S Circle Drive. 275'± NW from intersection with SW/S Circle Drive and NW/S Leedes Avenue 1259 Circle Drive 13th Election District - 1st Councilmanic Petitioner(s): William J. Gerber, et ux HEARING: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1990 at 2:00 p.m. Dear Mr. & Mrs. Gerber: Please be advised that \$ 137,14 is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned property. THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S)

RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE.

DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY

UNTIL THE DAY OF THE HEARING. Please make your check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. Bring the check and the sign & post set(s) to the Zoning Office, County Office Suilding, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 113, Towson, Maryland fifteen (5) minutes before your hearing is scheduled to begin. Be advised that should you fail to return the sign & post set(s), there will be an additional \$50.00 added to the above amount for each such set not returned. (If "PHASE II" of the "SNOW EMERGENCY PLAN" is in effect in Baltimore County on the above hearing date. the Hearing will be postponed. In the event of snow, telephone 887-3391 to confirm

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华吧 BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Zoning Supervisor James Thompson FROM Zoning Enforcement Coordinator Item No.: 146 (if known)
SUBJECT Petitioner: mr omo Gerhe (if known) VIOLATION CASE # 1259 Circle 20 21227 LOCATION OF VIOLATION DEFENDANT Mrompo Berby ADDRESS SAME Please be advised that the aforementioned petition is the subject of an active violation case. When the petition is cheduled for a public hearing, please notify the following persons. 1367 Cinlet 2 21227 Patricia Lindelade 1255 Circle Dr 21227 mrs. Ehmig After the public hearing is held, please send a copy of the Zoning Commissioner's Order to the Zoning Enforcement Coordinator, so that the appropriate action may be taken relative to the ciolation case.